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 there were many rumors that permission had recently been given for Soviet officers to wear civilian clothes while off duty. It was my understanding that this change of policy was published in the Marshal BULGANIN order of September 1953 which lifted the fraternization ban for Soviet personnel in Germany.

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 cuss this subject with some other officers and EM. He seemed to be very pleased with this news; and, he even mentioned that he had written to his wife, who was supposed to join him shortly in Germany, to bring along his civilian clothes. civilian clothes were cheaper and of better quality in Germany than in the USSR.

3. I am not able to elaborate on this subject, and I do not know whether this alleged change of policy applied only to Soviet officers stationed in Berlin or to all officers in the Soviet Zone of Germany. 50X1
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